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I am shocked and appalled that this would happen. One of the few places where there is still some semblance of competition for computers is in schools, where it is common to see non-Microsoft systems. Having Microsoft give schools computers and software for free helps them, it does not punish them.

It helps them two ways: (1) It puts more Microsoft systems in place, thus furthering their monopoly. (2) The marginal cost of software is close to zero. Once you have created the software, the cost of a copy is close to zero. Thus they get to appear to be "fined" when in fact they are giving something that costs nothing to produce.